

Wednesday, June 4, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5277–S5291

Family Friendly Workplace Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 4, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide to private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off, biweekly work programs, and flexible credit hour programs as Federal employees currently enjoy to help balance the demands and need of work and family, to clarify the provisions relating to exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, with a modified committee amendment, and the following amendments pending thereto: Pages S5281–91

Pending:

Grassley Amendment No. 253, to provide protections in bankruptcy proceedings for claims relating to compensatory time off and flexible work credit hours. Page S5281

Grassley Modified Amendment No. 256, to apply to Congress the same provisions relating to compensatory time off, biweekly work programs, flexible credit hour programs, and exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements as apply to private sector employees. Page S5281

Gorton Modified Amendment No. 265, to prohibit coercion by employers of certain public employees who are eligible for compensatory time off under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and provide for additional remedies in a case of coercion by such employers of such employees. Page S5281

During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 93), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to close further debate on the modified committee amendment. Pages S5290–91

Motion To Adjourn: By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 94), Senate agreed to a motion to adjourn. Page S5291

Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred: Page S5278

Amendments Submitted: Pages S5278–79

Authority for Committees: Page S5279

Additional Statements: Pages S5279–81

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—94) Page S5291

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m., and adjourned at 4:51 p.m., until 12 noon, on Thursday, June 5, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5291.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and defense related programs, receiving testimony from numerous public witnesses.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, June 11.

INTERNATIONAL AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation held hearings to examine the status of the bilateral aviation negotiations between the United States and the United Kingdom, focusing on the planned alliance of American Airlines and British Airways, receiving testimony from Senator Torricelli; Charles A. Hunnicutt, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Aviation and International Affairs; John H. Anderson, Jr., Director, and Timothy Hannegan, Assistant Director, both for Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Robert L. Crandall, American Airlines, Inc., Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, Texas; Robert J. Ayling, British Airways, London, England; Stephen M. Wolf, US Airways, Arlington, Virginia; Richard Branson, Virgin Atlantic Airways Limited, West Sussex, United